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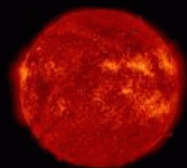
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A-Index: 34
K-Index: 3
X-Ray: B4.1
304A: 109.8 @ SEM
Ptn Flx: 91
Elc Flx: 2210
Aurora: 2/n=1.99
Mag (Bz): -3.8
Solar Wind: 512.6
Geomag Field UNSETTLD
Sig Noise Lvl S2-S3
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DX News

3B8, MAURITIUS. Nigel, G3TXF, continues to operate as **3B8XF** until **March 25th**. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0327)

3B8, MAURITIUS. Matt, DL5PT, is QRV as **3B8/DL5PT** from Flic-en-Flac until the end of March.

Activity is in his spare time on 20 through 10 meters using FT8. QSL to [DL5PT](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 29, 2026] (0130-0327)

3B8, MAURITIUS I. Suvarna, VU3OPT (OMØGA) is currently QRV as **3B8G** from Mauritius Island (AF-049) until **March 30th**. He operates CW and has been reported on 20, 15 and especially 10 meters

so far. See <https://www.9n7ga.com/> for more information.

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0227-0403)

4S, SRI LANKA. Peter, DCØKK is QRV as **4S7KKG** until March 31st. Activity is on 60 through 6 meters using FT8, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL to [DCØKK](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 3 January 22, 2026] (0123-0403)

5W, SAMOA. DXpedition postponed. SP5EAQ, Jacek, postponed his operation as **5WØAF** scheduled for March 22nd to April 11th due to present disruptions of air travel routes in the Middle East. He hopes for an opportunity in September/October 2026.

-[DXNL # 2501 March 11, 2026] (0320-0327)

6Y, JAMAICA. Hiro-san, JH6GFY will be active as **K3QJ/6Y** from Jamaica (NA-097) on March 18th-24th. He will be QRV on 20-10 meters, hopefully also on 40m. QSL via operator's instructions.

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0313-0327)

9J, ZAMBIA. Robert, DM7XX, will be active as **9J2RO** from near Lusaka, Zambia on March 16th-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands and will include participation in CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th). QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0313-0403)

A2, BOTSWANA. Before joining the 9J2EME team in Zambia, Bernie, ZS4TX will be active ("TEP and SAT") as **A21TX** from Botswana on March 26th-27th. QSL via LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0327)

C6, BAHAMAS. Brian, AD8FD will be active as **C6AFD** from Eleuthera Island (NA-001), Bahamas on March 24th-31st. He will operate 40-10 meter SSB and FT8 and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, ClubLog and QRZ; paper QSL cards will not be provided.

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0320-0403)

C6, BAHAMAS. Paul, WA4PAW, operates as **C6APS** until April 12th on 20-10m (CW, SSB, FT8). QSL via [WA4PAW](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0417)

CE9,KC4, ANTARCTICA. Alex, UG1A (ex RD1AV), has reached the station Novolazarevskaya and uses the callsign **RI1ANI** on CW. He plans to move to the Progress base after some days; exact schedules are not known. QSL via [RN1ON](#).

-[DXNL # 2501 March 11, 2026] (0313-0403)

CE9,KC4, ANTARCTICA. Tom, VK2TBC, plans to be QRV as **VKØTBC** from Casey Station until the end of the year. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL to [VK2TBC](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 12, 2026] (0313-0403)

CT3, MADEIRA IS. Georg, DD8ZX and Klaus, DJ9KM will be active again as **CT9/DD8ZX** and **CT9/DJ9KM** from Madeira (AF-014) on March 23rd-30th. They will operate mainly FT8. QSL CT9/DJ9KM via LoTW; QSL CT9/DD8ZX via LoTW, or [DD8ZX](#).

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

CYØ, SABLE I. The **CYØS** DXpedition to Sable Island is now QRV until March 31st with eight operators (KØIR, K4ZLE, K9NW, N2IEN, NE9U, **WØGJ**, WA4DAN and WW2DX) and up to six stations on 160-10 meters CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY, plus 6 meters FT8 and 23 cm EME. See <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/> for more information, and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2087487168460843/> for updates. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), LoTW, or direct to [WA4DAN](#). (Edited by KØCF, 03-20-2026.)

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0313-0403)

D4, CAPE VERDE. Claudio, HB9OAU will be active holiday style as **D44OA** from Boa Vista (AF-086), Cape Verde on March 18th-25th. He will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and RTTY on 40-6 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog, LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ. QSL via [8KHC](#).

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0313-0327)

DL, GERMANY. A group of approximately 20 operators will be active as **DAØHEL** from Helgoland Island (EU-127) from **March 23rd to April 3rd**, with occasional activity as **DLØIH** from nearby Helgoland Duene. They will operate 160-10 meter CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via the bureau or direct to [DAØHEL](#) and [DLØIH](#) respectively.
-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0320-0403)

DL, GERMANY. Special callsign **DA26WARD** by the DARC Team SES promotes World Amateur Radio Day from **March 1st until April 30th**. WARD is celebrated annually on April 18th, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation". QSL via LoTW, [DK5ON](#), and DCL (DARC Community Logbook).
-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0501)

DL, GERMANY. Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DAØANT**, **DM5ØANT** and **DP5ØANT** will be active from **February 15th to April 30th**. In addition, **DM5ØGFS** will also be active on **April 1st-30th** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP2ØØGVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award.
-[425DXN # 1814 February 7, 2026] (0213-0501)

DL, GERMANY. To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2Ø26OWG** (**February 1st - March 1st**) and **DD2Ø26WPG** (**March 1st - April 1st**). QSL via [DK5ON](#), LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook).
-[425DXN # 1811 January 17, 2026] (0130-0403)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list as of March 20, 2026:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. VKØM	Macquarie Island
2. KH3	Johnston Island	12. EZ	Turkmenistan
3. KH7K	Kure Island	13. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
4. CEØX	San Felix Islands	14. VPØS	South Sandwich Islands
5. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island	15. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island
6. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	16. YK	Syria
7. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	17. ZL9	New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
8. YVØ	Aves Island	18. FT/T	Tromelin Island
9. BV9P	Pratas Island	19. VKØH	Heard Island
10. KH4	Midway Island	20. KH1	Baker Howland Islands

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF March 20, 2026] (0320-0410)

E5/S, SOUTH COOK IS. Frank, DJ5NQ is currently active holiday style as **E51ANQ** from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands. He can operate SSB and CW on 80-10 meters. QSL via [DJ5NQ](#).
-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0410)

F, FRANCE. The radio club APRA Wingles (Pas de Calais) celebrates France's second female astronaut Sophie Adenot (KJ5LTN) with the callsign **TM62SA** **until June**.
-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0424)

F, FRANCE. The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM5ØKKR** on **Saturdays only from March until June**.
-[DXNL # 2499 February 25, 2026] (0306-0410)

FG, GUADELOUPE. Stefan, HB9JAB, operates holiday-style as **FG/HB9JAB** from **March 7th to 12th** and then again **March 20th to 27th**. QRV on 20-10m (SSB, FT8). He also plans to pay Dominica (J7) a visit. QSL via LoTW, eQSL.
-[DXNL # 2500 March 4, 2026] (0306-0327)

FM, MARTINIQUE. Miguel, EA1BP will be active holiday style as **FM/EA1BP** from Martinique (NA-107) from **March 25th to April 2nd**. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th) as **TO7O**. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or [EA1BP](#).
-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0320-0403)

FM, MARTINIQUE. Francis, F6BWJ, is QRV as **FM/F6BWJ** from Sainte Luce **until March 23rd**. Activity is mostly on 12 and 10 meters using CW. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 6 February 12, 2026] (0213-0327)

FO/A, AUSTRAL IS. Team **TX5EU** (DK2AMM, DL2AMD, DL2AWG, PA2KW, PA3EWP and PG5M) will be active from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands on **March 13th-25th**. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 (MSHV) on 80-6 meters with three stations. See <https://tx5eu-2026.topdx.de/> for more information. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), LoTW, or via [DL2AWG](#).

-[425DXN # 1811 January 17, 2026] (0313-0327)

H4, SOLOMON IS. Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be QRV as **H44MS** from Manakwai Village on Malaita Island (OC-047) from **January 18th to April 15th**. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL to [DL2GAC](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 2 January 15, 2026] (0116-0417)

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. VE6TD will be active as **HI3/VE6TD** **during March**, mostly on 20m (SSB, FT8).

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0403)

HR, HONDURAS. KN2P, N7VZ, and W7UM sign **KN2P/HR9**, **N7VZ/HR9**, and **W7UM/HR9** respectively from Roatan (NA-057) from **March 24th to 31st** on 160-10m (no WARC) on CW, SSB, FT8. During the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th) they will use the callsign **HQ9X**. QSL via LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0403)

I, ITALY. Members of ARI Milano, ARI Cadore and ARI Brunico/Bruneck will activate four special callsigns **I12WOG**, **I13COR**, **I13WOG**, and **I13BIA** from **February 6th to March 22nd** for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/>. QSL I12WOG via [I02MI](#), I13COR via [I03DD](#), I13WOG and I13BIA via [I03ED](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0206-0327)

J7, DOMINICA. Haluk, TA2LE will be active as **J79H** from Dominica (NA-101) on **March 10th-26th**, and again **periodically until March 2027**. This will be a recurring activation based on business travel. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 40-10 meters. See <https://j79h.ta2le.tr/> for more information and updates. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via [M0OXO's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0306-0327)

JD1/M, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Takeshi, JA1UII, signs **JD1BON** from **March 19th to 22nd**. QRV mostly from 1100-1500z and 2100-2300z. QSL via [JA1UII](#), LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0327)

JD1/M, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, **JG8NQJ/JD1** expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from **February 26th until mid-May**. In his limited spare time, he will operate mainly CW with some FT8 (note that he wants you to call with your signal report, not your grid square). QSL via [JA8CJY](#) (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1815 February 14, 2026] (0220-0508)

JD1/O, OGASAWARA. Takeshi, JA1UII will be active again as **JD1BON** from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on **March 19th-22nd**. Being a family trip, he plans to be QRV only around 1100-1500 UTC. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to [JA1UII](#).

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0313-0327)

KH0, MARIANA IS. Hrane, YT1AD (N9YU), Sergey, R7KW, and Steva, YU3AA (NS3A), will be active on Saipan as **KH0/N9YU** and **KH0/NS3A** on **March 17th-23rd** using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL KH0/N9YU via [YT1AD](#), KH0/NS3A via [YU3AA](#).

-[DXNL # 2500 March 4, 2026] (0313-0327)

LZ, BULGARIA. Special callsign **LZ75HSC** by the Bulgarian Highspeed Club celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) **until the end of the year**. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent:

<http://www.highspeedclub.org>. QSL via [LZ2JE](#).

-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0327)

OX, GREENLAND. Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as **OX3LX** from Greenland (NA-018) from **March 19th to 30th**, with a side trip to Telegraf Island (NA-220) on March 23rd-25th. As always, he will only be QRV in his spare time. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS, or via [OZØJ](#).

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

PA, NETHERLANDS. Dutch special callsigns **PA26WAAD**, **PB26WAAD**, **PC26WAAD**, **PD26WAAD**, **PE26WAAD**, **PG26WAAD** and **PH26WAAD** will be in use from **March 20th to April 5th** for the World Autism Awareness Day. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA26WAAD> for the award. In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. QSL via [NL1Ø743](#), LoTW and eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0320-0410)

PJ2, CURACAO. Thaire, W2APF will be active as **PJ2/W2APF** from Curacao (SA-099) from **January 22nd to March 31st**. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 meters. QSL via LoTW, or direct to [W2APF](#).

-[425DXN # 1811 January 17, 2026] (0116-0403)

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Tom, AA9A will be active again as **PJ7AA** from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from **March 8th to April 4th**. He will operate CW, FT8, FT4 and some SSB on 40-6 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW, or direct to [AA9A](#).

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0306-0403)

S2, BANGLADESH. Team **S21WD** will be active from IOTA group AS-140, Bangladesh from **March 20th to April 1st**, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th). They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 (MSHV) on 160-10 meters with up to five stations. In addition, activity via QO-100 is planned using CW, SSB and FT4. See <https://www.next-generation-dx.com/s2/> for more information; bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/S21WD/> for updates. If the on-site internet connection is stable, QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW on a daily basis. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), or via [DJ4MX](#).

-[425DXN # 1816 February 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

SV, GREECE. Members of the Hellenic Naval Amateur Radio Club (HNARC) will be active as **SZ465CG** from **March 19th to April 18th**. They will operate CW, FT8/FT4 and some SSB on 80-10 meters, as well as via QO-100. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/SZ465CG> for more information.

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0417)

SV, GREECE. Special callsign **SZ4ØA** celebrates "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio" by the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece (SZ1A). Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from March 1st to May 31st. See <https://awards.sz1a.org> for the award program. QSL via [ON3UN](#).

-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0327)

T31, C. KIRIBATI. The Rebel DX Group will be active as **T31TTT** from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati for up to **two weeks starting on March 25th**. They will operate mainly FT8/FT4 (MSHV Super Fox and MSHV multi-stream) on various bands with multiple stations. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/T31TTT> for their band plan and other information. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0320-0410)

T8, PALAU. Ken, BM2JCC (BW2/JP1RIW)) will be active as **T88KH** from Koror (OC-009), Palau on **March 26th-30th**. He will operate FT8 and SSB, with main activity planned during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th). QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or direct to [BM2JCC](#).

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

T8, PALAU. JR3QFB and JA1MFR stay on Koror Island (OC-009) from **March 21st to 24th**, operating as **T88JH** and **T88KY** respectively. QSL T88JH via [JR3QFB](#) and T88KY via [JA1MFR](#).

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0327)

TY, BENIN. Red, DL1BUG is QRV as **TY5FR** from Cotonou **until April 5th**. Activity is on 80 through 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to [DL1BUG](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 9 March 5, 2026] (0306-0410)

TY, BENIN. Gerard, F5NVF, is QRV as **TY5GG** **until April 6th**. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 29, 2026] (0130-0410)

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. Bud, AA3B will be active again as **V26K** from Antigua (NA-100) on **March 22nd-30th**, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th). Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW on 80-10 meters. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or [AA3B](#).

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

V3, BELIZE. Mike, VE2XB, will be active as **V31ZY** from Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker (NA-073) from **March 16th to 27th**. QRV on 40-10m on CW and SSB. QSL via [VE2XB](#).

-[DXNL # 2501 March 11, 2026] (0313-0327)

V3, BELIZE. Paula, OK2YL and Vlad, OK2WX will be active holiday style as **V31YL** and **V31WX**, respectively, from IOTA group NA-073, Belize on **March 9th-22nd**. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands. QSL via [I8KHC](#).

-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0327)

V4, ST. KITTS & NEVIS. Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as **V4/SP9FIH** and **V47K** from New Castle on Nevis Island (NA-104) from **March 23rd to April 18th**. He will operate SSB, FT8, FT4 and "maybe RTTY" on 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0417)

V4, ST. KITTS & NEVIS. Randy, K5ZD will be active as **V4/K5ZD** from St. Kitts (NA-104) from **March 22nd to April 1st**. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. He plans to operate the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28th-29th) as **V47T**. QSL V4/K5ZD via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) or LoTW; QSL V47T via [W2RQ](#).

-[425DXN # 1819 March 14, 2026] (0320-0403)

V5, NAMIBIA. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as **V51WH** near Omaruru **until March 24th**. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters. QSL to [DK2WH](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 8 February 26, 2026] (0227-0327)

VE, CANADA. Mike, VE2XB, is currently on the air as **VYØBRR** from Coral Harbour, Nunavut (NA-007), mostly on 15m CW. He stays there **until March 15th** and then moves on to Quaqtaqu in Northern Quebec with the callsign **VYØZOO/VE2** **until March 29th**. For more information see: <https://dx-pedition-to-quaqtuq-northern-quebec-1.jimdosite.com/>. QSL via [VE2XB](#).

-[DXNL # 2501 March 11, 2026] (0313-0403)

VE, CANADA. Pierre, VK3KTB will be active again as **VYØERC** from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) from **March 5th to April 1st**. He operates SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands when time permits. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#) and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0227-0403)

VK9C, COCOS (KEELING) IS. Mark, VK6BSA, and Deena, VK6DEE, are QRV as **VK9BSA** and **VK9DEE**, respectively, **until May**. Activity is in their spare time. QSL VK9BSA via [VK6BSA](#) and VK9DEE via [VK6DEE](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 19, 2026] (0320-0501)

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Craig, K5AYO will be active holiday style as **VP2EYO** from Anguilla (NA-022) on **March 14th-22nd**. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 meters low power. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via [K5AYO](#) ("no SASE required", he says).

-[425DXN # 1817 February 28, 2026] (0313-0327)

VP8/O, LU, SOUTH ORKNEY IS. Ramon, LU1DMZ expects to be active as **LU1DMZ/Z** and **LU1ZA** from Base Orcadas on Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands (AN-008) **throughout 2026**.

-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0327)

XX9, MACAO. A large multi-national team (EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, IK5RUN, IN3ZNR and JH4RHF) will be active as **XX9W** from Macao (grid locator OL62sd) on **March 19th-31st**. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-6 meters (and RTTY on 20m) with at least four stations on the air at the same time. See <https://www.dxfriends.com/xx9w/> for more information. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#).
-[425DXN # 1814 February 7, 2026] (0313-0403)

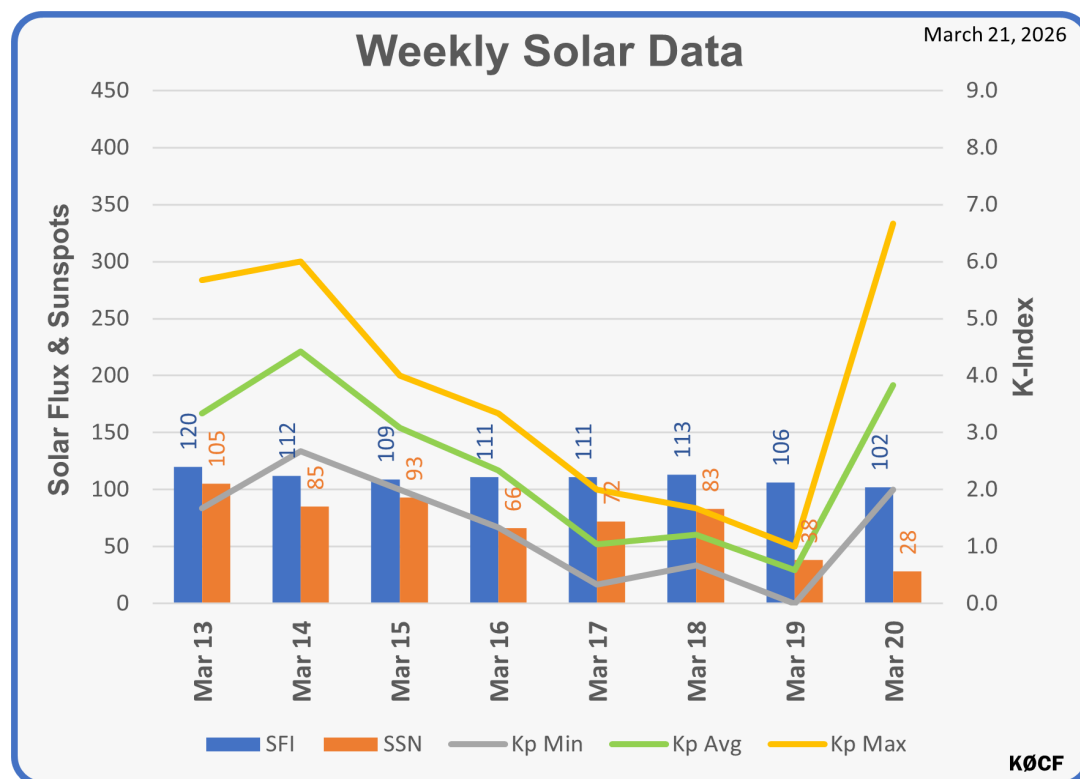
YJ, VANUATU. Aki, JK1JXZ will be active as **YJ1JXZ** from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu from **March 15th to April 3rd**. He will be QRV on 80-6 meters, after 1700 local time during weekdays and all day during the weekends. QSL to [JK1JXZ](#).
-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0313-0403)

YO, ROMANIA. Special callsign **YR1ØØRC** celebrates the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (March 18, 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity from **March 16th to September 30th**. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>.
-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0424)

YO, ROMANIA. The predecessor of the current Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) was the Asociatia Amatorilor Romani de Unde Scurte (Romanian Shortwave Amateurs Association), which was founded on March 1, 1936, and adopted the prefix YR5 for Romanian radio amateurs. Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the first national amateur radio organization, the special event callsign **YO9ØYR5** will be active from **March 15th to 31st**. See <https://www.hamradio.ro/diplome/start.php> for the certificates.
-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0403)

ZD7, ST. HELENA. Jun, JL8AQH, is presently operating as **ZD7AQH** since March 4th. The duration of his stay is not known at present. QRV on 40-10m on CW so far. See also: <https://sites.google.com/view/jl8aqh>. QSL via [JL8AQH](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW.
-[DXNL # 2501 March 11, 2026] (0313-0327)

Propagation



The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number (SSN) and Planetary K-Index (Kp) for the past 8 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

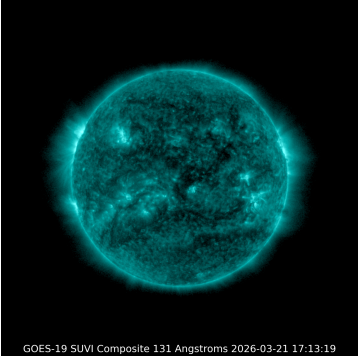
The Daily Solar Flux Index, Sunspot number, Planetary K-index, Solar Flux predictions and Solar Flare data used in this bulletin have been collected by KØCF from the U.S. Department of Commerce's NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center.

The propagation graphs above are the creations of KØCF and are unique in space weather reporting.

Please Note: The graphs are high resolution .PNG files which you may view in greater detail using your browser's "zoom" feature. Alternatively, right click on the graph and select "Open Image in New Tab" to enlarge it, or "Save Image As..." to save it to your computer for further analysis.

NASA's current view of the Sun at a wave-length of 131 Angstroms. This wavelength shows incredible solar detail.

Click [here](#) or on the image to view as a full screen 48-hour video loop. It is fascinating!



Propagation Summary

For the 8 day period from Friday, March 13th through Friday, March 20th.

The average solar flux was 109, down 18 points from the previous week, with a weekly high of 120 on Friday, March 13th, followed by a low of 102 on March 20th.

The average sunspot count was 66, down by 24 from last week, peaking at 105 on Friday, March 13th followed by a weekly low of 28 on March 20th.

The Planetary K-index weekly average was 3.8 with a maximum of 6.7 on Friday, March 20th, indicating a moderate geomagnetic storm.

Solar flare activity since March 14th has been low with 3 major flares, the largest of which was an M 2.7 event on Wednesday, March 18th.

Propagation Data

Major solar flares, Saturday, March 14th through 1548 UTC, March 21st.

#	Date	UTC	Mag.
1	Mar 18	0842	M 2.7
2	Mar 17	0904	M 1.3
3	Mar 16	1215	M 2.7

(NOAA's graph of recent flare activity: [GOES-X-Ray-Flux](#))

From the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center, here are the probabilities of major solar flares and the predicted 10.7 cm Solar Flux for the next 3 days. NOAA updates this information daily.

Date	M-Flares	X-Flares	Solar Flux
Mar 21	10%	1%	102

Mar 22	10%	1%	100
Mar 23	10%	1%	100

Looking farther ahead, here is the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center forecast of 10.7 cm radio flux and maximum Planetary K-index (Kp) for the next 12 days. This data is updated by NOAA every Monday (last updated on March 16, 2026).

Date	Flux	Kp
Mar 21	100	5
Mar 22	102	5
Mar 23	105	4
Mar 24	110	4

Date	Flux	Kp
Mar 25	100	5
Mar 26	110	3
Mar 27	120	3
Mar 28	125	2

Date	Flux	Kp
Mar 29	125	2
Mar 30	125	4
Mar 31	125	3
Apr 1	130	2

CME Impact Sparks Strong Geomagnetic Storms

A CME [hit](#) Earth's magnetic field on March 20th (2053 UTC). The impact deflected a USGS magnetometer in Boulder, Colorado, by 56 nT--a significant jolt. Soon after the CME arrived, a strong [G3](#)-class geomagnetic storm ensued with auroras across northern Europe and Canada.

Lauri Kangas photographed the display from Amethyst Bay, Ontario:



"The whole sky was bright enough to cast weak shadows despite haze and clouds rolling in," says Kangas.

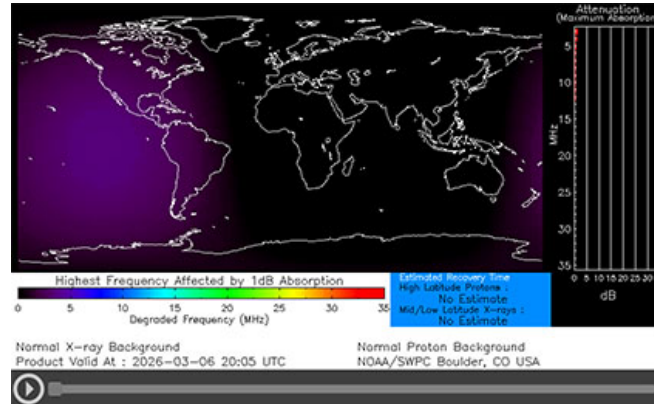
The storm is not over. Minor ([G1](#)) to strong ([G3](#)) storms are expected to continue on March 21st as Earth passes through the CME's wake.

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Global D Region Absorption

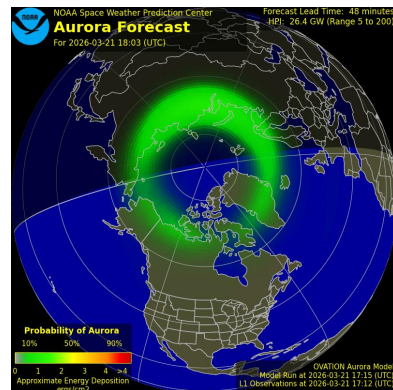
Conditions in the D-region of the ionosphere have a dramatic effect on HF communications. The D-Region Absorption map combines the effects of solar particles and photons. Yellow to red colors on the map depict increasing signal attenuation, where the bar chart at the right displays attenuation versus

frequency. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of D-Region Absorption:



The Aurora Borealis

The aurora is not only beautiful to see but can have a profound impact on HF and VHF radio propagation. For the HF operator, auroras can result in a complete shut-down of propagation. However, on VHF, auroras present interesting DX possibilities. Beam antennas are very desirable and should be pointed north, towards the aurora. Signals are reflected by “back-scatter” and will be distorted with a rough buzz. SSB is the best voice mode to use, but copy can be difficult. CW will have a rough buzzy sound but be perfectly copyable. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of aurora versus time:



Highs for Cycle 25

Solar Flux: 336 on August 8, 2024.

Sunspots: 382 on August 10, 2024.

Popular Propagation web sites

<https://prop.kc2g.com/> (Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map)

NOAA <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.spaceweather.com/>

<https://www.solarham.com/>

<https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

A Propagation Tutorial

The solar X-ray flux tracks solar activity and solar flares. Solar flux, which can vary from as low as 50 to as high as 300, influences the level of ionization in the F2 region of the ionosphere, providing a very good prediction of HF DX conditions. The higher the solar flux, the better conditions will be for the higher HF frequencies and even 6 meters. However, the levels need to be maintained for some days to allow ionization in the F2 layer to build up. A solar flux of 150 results in good HF band conditions, while levels of 200 and up can provide great conditions.

Large X-ray flares on the sun can increase the ionization of the D layer of the ionosphere (a lower layer) on the sunlit side of the Earth, greatly attenuating or blocking HF radio transmissions for up to a half hour. Solar flares often produce Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) which, if Earth directed, can lead to geomagnetic storms. Some large flares are also accompanied by strong radio bursts that may

interfere with other radio frequencies and cause problems for satellite communication and radio navigation (GPS).

The Planetary K-index is a measure of the magnitude of geomagnetic storms and is an excellent indicator of disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field. A level of 1 or 2 represents quiet geomagnetic conditions; a reading of 3 or 4 may cause some propagation deterioration; 5 and 6 are minor to moderate geomagnetic storms; and 7 to 9 are strong, severe, and extreme storm conditions. Strong geomagnetic storms can trigger Auroral displays and cause HF radio blackouts. Higher geomagnetic activity also has the adverse effect of lowering maximum usable frequencies, much like lower solar flux does.

For best conditions, the solar flux should be above 150 for a few days with the K index below 2. When these conditions are met, some good DX is likely!

(Compiled from information on NOAA.gov and other sources.)

Contest Calendar

Weekly Contests

Contest	Start UTC		End	Web Site
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Monday	0000Z	0100Z	Rules
ICWC Medium Speed Test	Monday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Monday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Tuesday	0300Z	0400Z	
CWops Test (CWT)	Wednesday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Wednesday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Thursday	0300Z	0400Z	
	Thursday	0700Z	0800Z	
Weekly RTTY Test	Friday	0145Z	0215Z	Rules
NCCC CW Sprint (NS)	Friday	0230Z	0300Z	Rules

Note: Start Days are in UTC, e.g. Monday at 0000 UTC is Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Central Daylight Saving Time zone, or Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Central Standard Time zone.

Full Calendar

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Mar 21	0200Z	Mar 23	0200Z	Rules
Russian DX Contest	Mar 21	1200Z	Mar 22	1200Z	Rules
Virginia QSO Party	Mar 21	1400Z	Mar 22	2400Z	Rules
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	Mar 28	0000Z	Mar 29	2400Z	Rules
Louisiana QSO Party	Apr 4	1400Z	Apr 5	0200Z	Rules
SP DX Contest	Apr 4	1500Z	Apr 5	1500Z	Rules
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	Apr 11	0000Z	Apr 11	2359Z	Rules
JIDX CW Contest	Apr 11	0700Z	Apr 12	1300Z	Rules
OK/OM DX Contest, SSB	Apr 11	1200Z	Apr 12	1159Z	Rules

New Mexico QSO Party	Apr 11	1400Z	Apr 12	0200Z	Rules
Georgia QSO Party	Apr 11	1800Z	Apr 12	2359Z	Rules
CQMM DX Contest	Apr 18	0900Z	Apr 19	2359Z	Rules
Michigan QSO Party	Apr 18	1600Z	Apr 19	0400Z	Rules
Ontario QSO Party	Apr 18	1800Z	Apr 19	1800Z	Rules
Quebec QSO Party	Apr 19	1200Z	Apr 19	2200Z	Rules
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	Apr 19	1800Z	Apr 19	2359Z	Rules
Florida QSO Party	Apr 25	1600Z	Apr 26	2159Z	Rules
7th Call Area QSO Party	May 2	1300Z	May 3	0700Z	Rules
Indiana QSO Party	May 2	1600Z	May 3	0400Z	Rules
Delaware QSO Party	May 2	1700Z	May 3	2359Z	Rules
New England QSO Party	May 2	2000Z	May 3	2400Z	Rules
CQ-M International DX Contest	May 9	1200Z	May 10	1159Z	Rules
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	May 16	1200Z	May 17	1200Z	Rules
Arkansas QSO Party	May 16	1400Z	May 17	0200Z	Rules
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	May 30	0000Z	May 31	2400Z	Rules
Atlantic Canada QSO Party	Jun 6	1200Z	Jun 7	0200Z	Rules
Kentucky QSO Party	Jun 6	1300Z	Jun 7	0100Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	Jun 6	1800Z	Jun 7	2400Z	Rules
ARRL June VHF Contest	Jun 13	1800Z	Jun 15	0300Z	Rules
All Asian DX Contest, CW	Jun 20	0000Z	Jun 21	2400Z	Rules
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Jun 20	1500Z	Jun 21	1500Z	Rules
ARRL Kids Day	Jun 20	1800Z	Jun 20	2359Z	Rules

(Contest data courtesy of the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#))